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Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General (E/2009/78) on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[1] decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a Depositary Notification[2] dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 29 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations (see annex).

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[2] C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 29 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Economic and Social Council

The Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Economic and Social Council and has the honour to transmit the original of the note of 26 January 2011 (see enclosure), signed by the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia and chargé d'affaires of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mónica Lanzetta Mutis, addressed to the President of the Council, Hamidon Ali, with reference to the proposal submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia concerning the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961.

Enclosure

Letter dated 26 January 2011 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia addressed to the Economic and Social Council

I have the honour to address you in your capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council in order to refer to the proposed amendment to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 submitted by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

On this matter, and with reference to the note dated 1 December 2010, in which the Government of Colombia expressed its views on the above-mentioned proposal to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, I should like to inform you that, for purposes of further consideration and evaluation, my Government has decided to withdraw the above-mentioned note.

(*Signed*) Mónica **Lanzetta Mutis**
Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
Chargé d'affaires of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs